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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 21, 2000, in connection with the above application. The time period for response has been extended to May 21, 2001, by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time. Please enter the following amendments:

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the third paragraph of the "**Background**" with:

Stroke is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States. Stroke accounts for half of all patients hospitalized for acute neurological disease. In 1991-92 one million Americans age 15 and older had disabilities resulting from stroke. According to the Framingham Heart Study, 31 percent of brain attack survivors needed help caring for

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